



WITH HELP from her mom, Mardi Lohoefer, Sage Lohoefer (above) took off her colored nail polish before she modeled a black-and-white outfit for the buymanship part of the 4-H Fashion Revue last Tuesday. Anna Carter (below) talked with the judge about her green top and skirt.



Kids model clothes they bought and made

With a smile on her face, the young girl walked from one X on the ground to the next, at times twirling between the two points.

The girl, dressed in a black skirt and blue top, looked at the judge while one of the moms read a description of her outfit.

It was early last Tuesday, and the Decatur County Fair was kicking off with the 4-H Fashion Revue. The revue has two parts, including one called "buymanship" where the kids model outfits they bought from a store.

The 4-H'ers match their outfits with accessories, from jewelry to shoes to bags to hats.

After the youth models the outfit,

the judge normally asks where they could wear it, how to care for it or what they like about it.

The other part of the revue is clothing construction, where members take a pattern, pick out material and make the outfit themselves.

The kids model the handmade outfits, too, showing how well it fits, and then talk to the judge again after the outfit is wrapped in plastic.

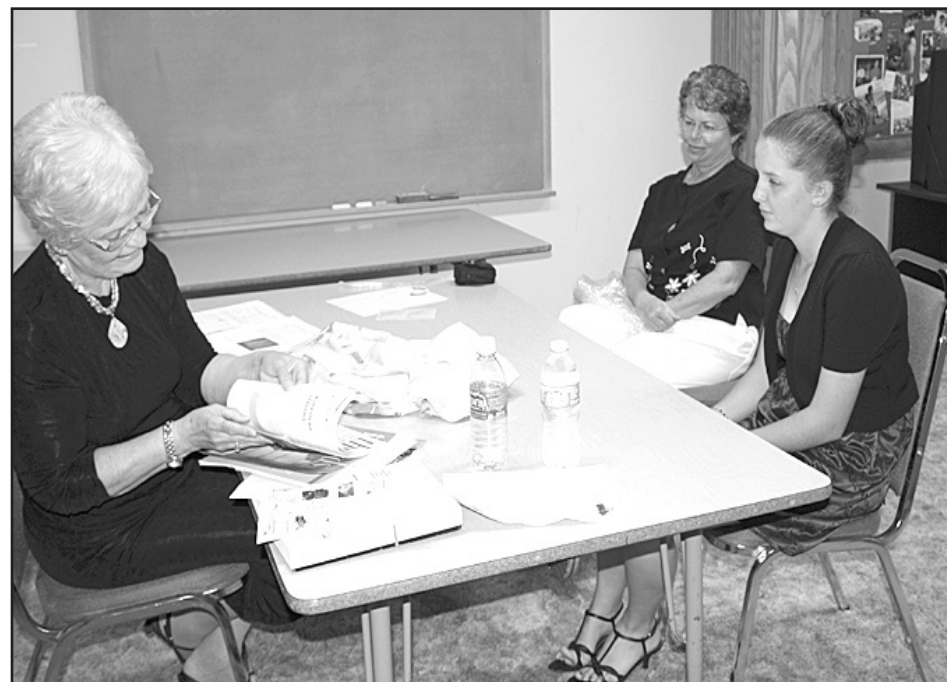
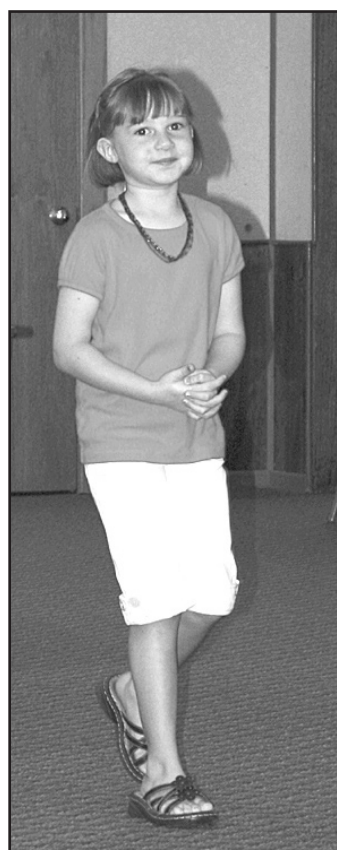
Byron Hale, Decatur County extension agent, said around 40 to 45 kids took part in the show. There's several reasons the Fashion Revue is part of the 4-H program, he said. Although not all kids are going to make their own clothes, they do need to know how to mend or sew on

a button. The clothing construction part helps teach those skills.

Buymanship, he said, helps teach kids the financial value of clothes, how to buy, how to figure the cost per outfit and how to take care of it.

Modeling of the clothes, said Mr. Hale, helps teach the kids everything they need to know for a job interview later, including poise, speaking to someone and smiling.

The public fashion revue, where the 4-H'ers show off their outfits to family and friends, is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Friday at The Gateway. Everyone's welcome, Mr. Hale said.



HANNAH MAY (above) and her mom, Pam, talked with a judge about the outfit she made for the clothing construction part of the 4-H Fashion Revue last Tuesday. Downstairs in the United Methodist Church, Kelli Bryan (left) showed off her sparkly red dress and Patience Carman (far left) modeled capris and a top.